which appeared in the 'Times of India' of the 25th March, 1986 to the effect that Government are working out programmes and policies to help qualified Indian scientists and scholars to return and work in India ; and

(b) if so, what are the details of such programmes and policies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Government is in the process of evolving a new plan to attract qualified Indian Scientists and Technologists, who during the past few years had gone to other countries, to return to India.

In this connection a number of measures have been adopted in the past. Some of these are : —

1. Programmes have been launched through which 'core' groups of scientists are created in the country with all necessary modern facilities required for pursuing research in new and frontier areas of science.

2. There is a provision for temporary placement of scientists and technologists under the scheme of Scientists Pool.

3. A provision has also been made for creation of supernumerary posts.

4. Facilities to import equipments have been provided to the scientists and technologists returning from abroad.

5. With a view to assisting non-resident Indians to secure expeditious clearance of their applications for setting up of industrial units in the country, a Special Cell has been created in the Ministry of Industry.

6. Delegation of enhaced administrative and financial powers have been made to scientific institutions to improve working conditions of scientists.

7. New scientific departments/organisations such as Departments of Biotechnology, Ocean Development, Environment, Non-Conventional Energy Sources, Centre for Development of Telematics (CDT) etc. have been set up and some of these are in high technology areas which are likely to provide exciting opportunities for the scientists and technologists and attract them into the country

8. Total outlay for science and technology has been increased in the successive Five-Year-Plans.

Filling up of posts in the Forest Research Institute Dehradun

241. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of senior posts in the Forest Research Institute Dehradun;

(b) what is the number of persons holding such posts who have reached the maximum of their scales and no promotion has been given to them;

(c) whether it is a fact that some persons have been given no promotion even after fifteen years' service;

(d) what is the number of such persons who have not been promoted; and

(e) What are the reasons therefor and what remedial measures Government propose to undertake ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) There are 115 Group A posts in Forest Research Institute and Colleges, Dehra Dun besides 99 tenure posts to be manned by officers of the Indian Forest Service and other services.

(b) Out of 115 posts, incumbents of 18 posts have reached the maximum of their scales of pay.

(c) and (d) There are 7 officers who have not been promoted even after 15 years of service.

(e) According to the existing rules, promotions are made on the basis of availability of vacancies in higher grades, often leading to stagnation. To overcome this, a Flexible Complementing Scheme providing for promotion to higher grades based on periodical assessment of merit has been approved for implementation in respect of scientific cadres in the Forest Research Institute & Colleges, Dehra Dun.

संसदीय राजभाषा समिति

242. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि वर्तमान में संसदीय राजभाषा समिति का कोई अध्यक्ष नहीं है और न ही पूर्णकालिक सचिव की नियुक्ति की गई है, यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि इस समिति को न तो यथोचित कार्यालय उपलब्ध कराया गया है और न ही पर्याप्त संख्या में कर्मचारी मुहय्या कराये गये हैं जिस कारण समिति आज तक अपना प्रतिवेदन प्रस्तुत करने में सक्षम नहीं हो सकी है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास और गृह मंत्री (श्री पी. वी. नरसिंह राव): (क) तथा (ख) श्री एस. बी. चव्हाण द्वारा मार्च 1986 में महाराष्ट्र के मुख्यमंत्री का पद ग्रहण करने के लिए संसदीय राजभाषा समिति के अध्यक्ष पद से त्यागपत्र दिया गया । नये अध्यक्ष की नियुक्ति करने के लिए कार्रवाई प्रारम्भ कर दी गई है । समिति को पूर्णकालिक सचिव की नियुक्त कर दी गई है और उम्मीद है कि वे जल्दी ही कार्यभार संभालेंगे ।

U.S. Military and Economic Aid Package Deal with Pakistan

243. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the latest US military and economic aid package deal with Pakistan to the tune of 4·02 billion dollars for the period 1987—93 which is an increase of 35 per cent over the existing package;

(b) if so, to what extent India's defence expenditure is anticipated to rise as a consequence thereof; and

(c) in what manner Governmen propose to maintain the military balance to meet any eventuality ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEAPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Government are aware of an agreement between the USA and Pakistan under which the former has offered Pakistan a $4·02 billion economic and military aid package for the six-year period from 1987 to 1993. The new package represents an increase of more than 25% over the previous aid package.

(b) and (c) All factors affecting the country's security are taken into account while allocating funds for the countrys's defence.

Foreign Link of Tripura National Volunteers

244. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a link of the under-ground